



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5691***

LCO No. 1901

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
SUPPLIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each individual health  
2       insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in  
3       subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general  
4       statutes delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or  
5       continued in this state on or after January 1, 2009, shall provide  
6       coverage for supplies prescribed by a physician for the treatment of  
7       lymphedema. Such supplies shall be considered durable medical  
8       equipment under the policy. For the purposes of this section,  
9       "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in which excess fluid or  
10      lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes edema, deformity,  
11      skin changes and infection in such tissues due to missing, impaired or  
12      damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

13      Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each group health insurance  
14      policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),  
15      (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes delivered,  
16      issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state on or

17 after January 1, 2009, shall provide coverage for supplies prescribed by  
18 a physician for the treatment of lymphedema. Such supplies shall be  
19 considered durable medical equipment under the policy. For the  
20 purposes of this section, "lymphedema" means a chronic condition in  
21 which excess fluid or lymph collects in tissues of the body and causes  
22 edema, deformity, skin changes and infection in such tissues due to  
23 missing, impaired or damaged channels or ducts that transport lymph.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide health insurance coverage for the treatment of lymphedema.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*